

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on February 1, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 298, 1/26/2007; SB 271,  
1/26/2007; SB 305, 1/26/2007  
Executive Action: SB 271, SB 305

00:03:26

**HEARING ON SB 298**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:16 **SEN. AUBYN CURTISS (R), SD 1**, opened the hearing on **SB 298**, Require headlights for driving.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:13 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:08:28 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Informational Testimony:**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:45 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Curtiss

00:10:23 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg to Sen. Curtiss

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:21 Sen. Curtiss closed on SB 298.

**HEARING ON SB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:44 **SEN. ROY BROWN (R), SD 25**, opened the hearing on **SB 271**, Revise requirements for securing loads.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:22 Luke Anderson

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00:26:54 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:29:51 Captain Butch Huseby, Montana Highway Patrol

00:31:38 Greg Van Horssen for Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA) and Jon Metropolis, Farmers' Insurance Group

00:33:18 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:34:53 Spook Stang, Montana Motorcarriers Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:52 Sen. Frank Smith to Sen. Brown

00:37:54 Sen. Jerry Black to Sen. Brown

00:39:34 Sen. Black to Mr. Huseby, MT Highway Patrol

00:40:20 Sen. Smith to Mr. Stang, MMA

00:41:01 Sen. Black to Mr. Anderson rereferred to Andrew Geiger, Research Analyst, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

00:43:23 Sen. Black to Sen. Brown

00:44:37 Sen. Pease to Mr. Stang, MMA

00:46:08 Sen. Pease to Director Lynch, DOT

00:47:29 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mr. Anderson

00:49:17 Sen. Pease

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:25 Sen. Brown closed on SB 271.

**HEARING ON SB 305**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:30 **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43**, opened the hearing on **SB 305**, Revise motor vehicle dealer laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:23 Dodge Leary, General Manager, Dee Motor Company

00:59:14 Tammy Vandebos, Van Motors, Inc., Conrad

01:01:23 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
(MADA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:48 Sen. Black to Ms. Vandebos, Van Motors, Inc.

01:06:55 Sen. Pease to Sen. Laslovich rereferred to Mr. Spencer  
(MADA)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:58 Sen. Laslovich closed on SB 305.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271**

01:08:35 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BROWN moved that SB 271 DO PASS.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.  
KITZENBERG was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 305**

01:09:31 **Motion:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 305 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:09:52 Sen. Black

01:10:44 **Vote:** Motion that SB 305 DO PASS carried unanimously  
by voice vote. SEN. KITZENBERG was excused.

**Discussion:**

01:11:20 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:11:43 Sen. Pease

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01:12:26 Sen. Black

01:13:02 Mr. Geiger, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 A.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his22aad.pdf](#))**